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REMARKS

The March 16, 2005 Office Action was based upon pending Claims 1, 3-5, 7- 20, 22-25, 27-34, 36, 38-52, 55, 57-67, and 70-75 . In the March 16, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 1, 3, 4, 9-20, 22-25, 27-34, 36, 38-52, 55, 57-67, and 70-75, rejected Claims 5 and 7, and objected to Claim 8. In particular, the Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,550,924 ("the Helf patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,953,697 ("the Lin patent"). The Examiner further objected to Claim 8 as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

This amendment amends Claims 8 and 36, and cancels Claims 5 and 7. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-20, 22-25, 27-34, 36, 38-52, 55, 57-67, and 70-75 are pending and presented for further consideration.

ALLOWED CLAIMS 1, 3, 4, 9-20, 22-25, 27-34, 36, 38-52, 55, 57-67, and 70-75

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1, 3, 4, 9-20, 22-25, 27-34, 36, 38-52, 55, 57-67, and 70-75.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER – CLAIM 8

The Examiner stated that Claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of the corresponding base claim and any intervening claims. With this amendment, Applicants have rewritten Claim 8 to include all the limitations of Claim 5. Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 8 is now in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENT OF CLAIM 36

The dependency of Claim 36 was corrected from Claim 35, a canceled claim, to Claim 34.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 5 AND 7 UNDER U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Helf in view of Lin. By this amendment, Applicants have canceled

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Claims 5 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

CONCLUSION

Applicants have endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of the above remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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